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For : **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DIGITAL WATERMARKING**

Enclosed are:

1. 1 cover sheet, **58** sheets of specification, **47** sheets of claims, **1** sheet of abstract (as originally filed).
2. **30** sheets of drawing.
3. Preliminary Amendment.
4. Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449.
5. Declaration (copy from prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) (See paragraph 6 below).
6. Incorporation by Reference. The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under paragraph 5 above is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

7. Related/Priority application information:

This application claims the priority and benefit of and is a division of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/386,993, filed August 31, 1999, which claims foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119 of Japanese Patent Application No. 10-251193, filed September 4, 1998; Japanese Patent Application No. 11-30540, filed February 8, 1999; Japanese Patent Application No. 11-40713, filed February 18, 1999 and Japanese Patent Application No. 11-118072, filed April 26, 1999, all of which are incorporated herein by reference.

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